

## **Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution**

### **Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly**

1. The Committee considered the report on the status of collection of assessed contributions including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Secretariat provided an update for 12 Member States that have paid after document A68/39 was published and should therefore no longer be subject to Article 7, namely: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Marshall Islands, Montenegro, Namibia, Nauru, Niue, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Vanuatu. The relevant paragraphs in respect of Article 7 of the Constitution of the draft resolution proposed in document A68/39 should be amended accordingly.
3. The Secretariat thanked Member States for the timely payment of assessed contributions which are due 1 January of each year.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

4. The Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, recommended that the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly adopt the following amended draft resolution:

The Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on status of collection of assessed contributions, including Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, and special arrangements for settlement of arrears;<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Document A68/39.

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Central African Republic, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Somalia and Ukraine were suspended, such suspension to continue until its arrears have been reduced, at the present or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that, the voting rights of South Sudan were suspended during the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly, effective from the opening of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly and to continue until the arrears of the Member concerned have been reduced, at the present or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that ~~Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Guinea, Haiti, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Marshall Islands, Montenegro, Namibia, Nauru, Niue, Saint Lucia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu~~ and Yemen were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly to such an extent that it was necessary for the Health Assembly to consider, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, whether the voting privileges of those countries should be suspended – for ~~Afghanistan, Iraq and Kyrgyzstan~~ at the opening of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly, and for the remaining ~~47~~ 7 Member States at the opening of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly,

DECIDES:

(1) that in accordance with the statement of principles set out in resolution WHA41.7 if, by the time of the opening of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly, ~~Bangladesh, Barbados, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Guinea, Haiti, Islamic Republic of Iran, Marshall Islands, Montenegro, Namibia, Nauru, Niue, Saint Lucia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu~~ and Yemen are still in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, their voting privileges shall be suspended as from the said opening; and in accordance with resolutions ~~WHA59.6, WHA58.9, WHA61.8~~ if, by the time of the opening of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly, ~~Afghanistan, Iraq and Kyrgyzstan, respectively, are~~ is still in arrears in the payment of their ~~rescheduled~~ assessments, their voting privileges shall be suspended automatically;

(2) that any suspension that takes effect as set out in paragraph (1) above shall continue at the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of ~~Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Guinea, Haiti, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Marshall Islands, Montenegro, Namibia, Nauru, Niue, Saint Lucia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu~~ and Yemen have been reduced to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

(3) that this decision shall be without prejudice to the right of any Member to request restoration of its voting privileges in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution.

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